A monthly new sletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Public Meetings Set for Refuse Pilot Households

Starting March 20, 778 Households Will Begin Once-Per-Week Collections

≤The pilot

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and recycling

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— Craig Simoneau,

Director of Public Works

The City of Rockville will conduct two public customer orientation meetings to explain the new Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program that will begin Monday, March 20, for 778 designated households in the City's Hungerford and Monument neighborhoods.

The meetings will be held Saturday, March 11, at 9 a.m. at the Elwood Smith Community Center, located at the corner of 601

Harrington Road and Mercer Road (behind Richard Montgomery High School) and Tuesday, March 14, at 7 to evaluate many p.m. at Rockville City Hall located at 111 Maryland Avenue.

The nine-month pilot program will test semi-automated, once-per-

week, curbside only refuse and recycling pickup. Currently, Rockville manually picks up refuse twice-per-week and recycling once-per-week. Residents now place recycling at the curb, but can place refuse either at the curb or in their back or side of their yards. The pilot program will evaluate how Rockville can increase cost-effectiveness, customer satisfaction, neighborhood cleanliness and recycling while reducing missed collections and worker injuries.

Each pilot program household has been mailed a letter identifying it as a participant and inviting residents to attend the public meetings. Detailed information about the

program, including a list of households selected to participate, is available on the City's Web site at

www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/refuse-pilot.

Customer experiences, collected through surveys at the beginning, middle and end of the program, will direct the future of the City's refuse and recycling collection program.

"The pilot program gives us the opportunity to evaluate and fine tune many aspects of our City's refuse and recyus the opportunity cling program," said Craig

> On Feb. 1, City representatives attended a Hungerford Civic Association meeting to introduce

Simoneau, director

of Public Works.

the pilot program and answer questions. At that meeting, citizens expressed an interest in having varying size refuse carts they could choose from based on the amount of trash they produce each week. If standard City carts are eventually provided to all City residents, the City hopes to learn the most appropriate sizes to offer to residents through the pilot program.

For program progress information, visit www.rockville md.gov/residents/refuse-pilot. Information also is available on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and by calling the refuse/recycling line at 240-314-8568. RR



SAMPLING THE ARTS... The Rockville Chorus (above) will be one of eight groups performing at the annual Rockville Arts Sampler on Sunday, March 5, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The event is free. See page 6 for more information.

From Student to Adult:

Rockville Helps Teens Make Successful 'Transitions'

Montgomery College sophomore Nia Smith is learning important lessons in science, math and history as she studies to become either a medical assistant or a massage therapist. Beyond those educational basics, Smith is learning some critical lessons of everyday life through a new City of Rockville program called "Transitions."

The free program, for students ages 15-22, offers lessons valuable far beyond the classroom.

Twice per month, Transitions 90-minute seminars themed, "Show Me the Money" and "Life After High School," discuss topics such as how to open a bank account, balance a checkbook, and complete a job application.

Nina Herndon, the Teen Programs coordinator for Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks for six years, started the Transitions program in January for Rockville high school and college students because she saw many students mature without an understanding of how to transition into the workforce.



- **ROCKVILLE HAS** CLASS, pg. 2 See what's 'springing up' in new City recreation classes
- RENTAL LICENSES, pg. 4 Who needs them and how to get them
- SPRING CITY PROJECTS UPDATE, See Insert for the latest on local City project work

are looking for jobs and they don't know where to start," said Smith. "It's not just for me, it's for a lot of people."

Two sessions are planned for March. On March 8, students will learn resume writing, mock interview skills and job searching tips. Money management, including real life budgeting activities, will be discussed on March 22. The se-



Nina Herndon, Rockville's teen program coordinator, conducts a workshop for teens on life skills.

"The program is important because it gives teens the knowledge they need to become successful," said Herndon. The courses are led by qualified City personnel and guest speakers.

Smith said Transitions is providing lessons that she and her friends need, but just could not find elsewhere through a structured course.

"I know a lot of teens who

ries will continue throughout the spring.

The sessions are held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center located at 357 Frederick Avenue in Rockville. The program is free, but teens should register before attending.

For more information or to register, contact Herndon at 240-314-8634 or at nherndon@ rockvillemd.gov.RR

March's Best of Rockville

3 Reels, Jigs and Hornpipes The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance presents "Reels, Jigs, & Hornpipes," a celebration of Irish dance. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$20 general admission. 240-314-8690.

5-28 Glenview Mansion **Art Gallery: Rockville Student** Art Show. [A work from last year's show is at right.] Opening reception, March 5, 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660. FREE



26 Rockville Concert **Band: Children's Concert** Rockville's premiere 75-member band performs a free seasonal concert featuring special songs and an introduction to instruments for children. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690. FREE

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Focus on GIFTS & MEMORIALS



The East Rockville Citizens Association and friends of the late Mary Trumbo contributed to three benches in the park named for Trumbo. The park was dedicated in September 2003.

Planting Memories

The City's Gift and Memorial Dedication Program Creates Lasting Contributions

Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

Citizens looking for a special way to remember a loved one or who have wished to mark a special occasion have turned to the City's Gift and Memorial Dedication program for numerous years.

Through the program, the City has helped many organizations and individuals remember and honor family members, friends and colleagues through donations of benches and trees in City parks while creating a lasting contribution to the community.

Operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks, the program allows for the dedication of a tree and/or bench for a monetary contribution.

For a donation of at least \$1,500, the City will purchase and install a bench with a bronze 3"x 4" plaque. The City works with the donor to identify the best location for the bench, so it can be fully utilized. Depending on the foundation and style of the bench, the price of donation may be adjusted.

Once the bench is installed, the donor will receive a certification of the donation and a map with the bench's exact location. Special cer-

emonies to honor the person for whom the bench is dedicated also may be conducted.

Planting a tree is another popular way to commemorate a special day or person.

One couple included a tree planting in Rockville Civic Center Park as part of its wedding ceremony at Glenview Mansion. Members of the Rockville Little Theatre planted a tree in front of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in honor of its 50th anniversary. In addition, many trees have been planted in City parks as part of Arbor Day ceremonies with local school groups.

For a minimum donation of \$500, the City will purchase, install and maintain a tree in a special location. Donors may contribute suggestions on the species of tree and where they would like the tree planted. If a larger tree or a unique species is desired, the price of donation can be adjusted.

"I work with the donor to determine a suitable species of tree and to identify the special location within the City park that they would like it planted," said Rob Orndorff, City horticulturalist. "Trees often outlive us, so this is an excellent way to remember someone or commemorate a special occasion."

For more information about the Gift and Memorial Dedication program, contact Orndorff at 240-314-8700. RR

Rockville Has Class

Resident Registration Starts March 1 for City Spring Recreation Classes and Programs

With a bounce and a kick, those 60 and older in Rockville have some new options for getting fit, right down to their core this spring.

"Seniors on the Ball," beginning April 20 at the Rockville Senior Center, will feature a class filled with low-impact exercises on a large "Swiss Ball" that is sure to get hearts pumping while building key muscle groups that help improve balance and core strength. "Seniors on the Ball" is just one of the many new class being offered this spring.

Residents should soon receive the Spring Recreation Guide which was mailed on Feb. 17. Residents registration begins March 1 and non-residents can start signing up on March 15.

With so many new classes and returning popular favorites, there is sure to be something to interest people of all ages—at an affordable price.

Preschoolers will soon be saying "Oui" and "Hola" through the new PetitLab French and Spanish classes that feature reading, arts and crafts, nursery rhymes, poetry and creative movement to expose children to the exciting world of a foreign language.

Or take the family to the pool for a H2O workout through Family Water Fitness at the Rockville Swim Center.

For a drier, more relaxing program, try Gateways to Health at the Elwood Smith Community Center. Through



Robert "Bob" Droege is improving balance and core strength by taking part in a low impact workout for seniors offered by the Rockville Senior Center. The new "Seniors on the Ball" class will begin in April.

breathing exercises, visualization and gentle self-massage, this class helps participants learn to relax and reduce stress.

If wedding bells are right around the corner, check out "Fit to Be a Bride" in the King Farm Community Center. An experienced personal trainer and boot camp instructor, Mya Thida, will help brides-to-be look their best for their big day.

For a complete list of spring classes, programs and events read the Spring 2006 Recreation Guide or log-on to www.rock villemd.gov and click on "Rock Enroll." Register online, by fax, mail or in person. For more information, call the Department of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8620. RR

Rack Up Points for FREE Classes Through Rockville's New Rockin' Rewards

Nearly every day citizens can be found having a rockin' good time in recreation programs throughout the City of Rockville. And now they will be rewarded for it.

Beginning with Winter 2005-06 registrations, Rockville's
Department of Recreation and Parks
launched "Rockin' Rewards."

Through Rockin' Rewards, one point is earned for every dollar spent on course registration or membership pass sales. Members of households can then accumulate the points to earn free programs.

Here is how Rockin' Rewards works:

To Earn Points

Every person who has participated in a City recreation program in the past and is already in the City's Rock Enroll Recreation class and membership database is automatically part of the rewards program.

• The individual or family account will automatically be credited one point for every dollar spent for each course registration or membership purchase (\$50 = 50 points)

• Special! Those courses designated as "Step Up to Health, (SUTH)," the City's new fitness and wellness campaign, earn double points for each dollar spent (\$50 =100 points)

- Points are accrued two weeks after the start of the next registration period.
 Membership points are credited when the membership pass has expired
- To receive an update on the Rockin' Rewards account balance, visit or call the Rockville Senior Center, the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center or the Lincoln Park Community Center.

To Redeem Points

 Once the family reaches 800 points, the points can be used to pay for programs or memberships

(800 points = \$20 program or membership)
• Anyone in the family can use the points—it does not have to be the same person who earned

them

When redeeming points, the registrant must have all the points needed in full. Registration must be done in person at a City recreation center, at City Hall or by mailing or faxing in the form in the seasonal Recreation Guide. A person cannot pay with points by registering online or by telephone. The City will not accept payment from a mixture of points and cash or checks.

For more information about Rockin' Rewards, visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on "RockEnroll." RR

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CITY SSUES

Mayor and Council Reaffirm Support of Cultural Arts Building

Rockville's Mayor and Council reaffirmed their support for a five-story mixed-use Cultural Arts Building as a key element of the City's redeveloped Town Center by approving an updated change order to the construction contract.

The Cultural Arts Building, which will front Newmarket Street and be adjacent to the new Rockville Regional Library, will have two floors that will become home to the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts at Rockville (the former Rockville Arts Place that will now informally be known as VisArts); two upper floors that will house a business incubator operated by the Montgomery County Department of Business and Economic Development; first floor retail primarily owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust; and a rooftop garden and event space that can be used for City functions or rented for other uses.

Preliminary construction on the site began in December. The schedule calls for the building to open in spring of 2007.

VisArts has a long-established tradition of giving artists a place to work—and to display their work. It also offers classes on a variety of arts-related subjects.

The business incubator will offer operating space, support and advice to people starting new businesses.

Federal Realty has not yet announced the retail occupants of the building.

On Jan. 30, the Mayor and Council approved a "change order" to the construction contract with Whiting-Turner Construction, which adds \$11,016,549 to the overall contract for public improvements. The change order provides funding for two additional floors to the originally conceived three-story building, plus funds for increased construction

costs of the overall building.

The Mayor and Council in September approved adding two additional floors to the building after County's Department of Business and Economic Development said it would arrange funding to pay for the fourth and fifth floors. At that time it was projected that the overall cost of the building would be about \$12.7 million.

However, when bids were received, increased costs of construction materials such as steel and concrete were among the factors that led to the cost eventually escalating by approximately \$2.3 million. The Mayor and Council approved the change order based on a current estimated construction cost of \$15.7 million, which includes a City-funded construction contingency of \$776,000.

The additional construction costs will be split among the building co-owners, with the City paying an additional \$1.2 million; Montgomery County's funding source adding \$750,000; and Federal Realty adding \$250,000. The construction contingency would cover possible additional expenses including further increased construction costs. The City hopes it will not have to dip into that fund, but by setting the money aside, it brought Rockville's additional commitment to approximately \$2 mil-

The City will seek other sources to help contribute to the additional cost, including asking the county for a bigger contribution and also seeking support from the state.

Mayor Larry Giammo said the building was needed despite the additional cost.

"It is going to positively reflect on our City," he said. "I could not be more excited. ... The investment will absolutely have been worth it." RR

"Howl" to Live With Wildlife

When new communities are constructed in areas that contain forestland, encounters with animals are bound to occur.

Coyotes are common in Maryland, and are found in all Mid-Atlantic states. In Rockville, coyote sightings have only been reported in the Fallsgrove area. Coyotes are the most hunted and trapped animal in the U.S. today, and still continue to thrive, so it is likely that coyotes are going to be present in the Rockville environment from now on.

The City believes wildlife and humans can coexist peacefully. There have been no reports of coyote attacks on humans in Maryland. However, small domestic animals such as cats and dogs may be at risk because a coyote's diet mainly consists of small mammals such as rabbits, rodents and birds. This diet is also preferred by foxes, another animal that has firmly established residence in Rockville and throughout Maryland.

The City is prepared to take steps to exclude coyotes or foxes that display aggressive behavior toward humans or appear to be potentially rabid

Citizens can protect themselves, their families and pets by following a few simple precautions:

- Do not leave food of any kind outside. Bird feeders should be positioned so they are out of reach and debris cleaned up. Feed pets inside.
- Keep trash cans inside preferably, but if outside, they should be securely sealed or kept in a fenced enclosure.
 On trash days, put trash out in the morning, instead of leaving it out all night.
- Do not allow pets outside off leash. Extendable leashes are discouraged.
- Small children should not be left unsupervised outside, particularly in an area where coyotes have been sighted.
- Bring a noisemaker on walks, such as a soda can filled with coins. If approached by a coyote, shout at it in a deep, loud voice, appear to be aggressive, use



FOUR-LEGGED FREND OR FOE? Coyotes (above) and gray foxes (below) look similar to each other, and can resemble domestic dogs. Be sure to look carefully if you think you spot one. Coyote coats are a tannish, mottled brown, where as gray foxes have dark gray on back and reddish brown on the sides. Both animals have long muzzles, black-tipped tails and pointed ears. The fox is smaller than the coyote.



the noise-making device to scare it away. Do not run, but move toward an area with human activity while maintaining eye contact with the coyote. Citizens are urged to report coyote sightings to the Rockville Neighborhood Services (Animal Control) Office at 240-314-8930 and share these tips with neighbors. RR



Your "Home Club" at Public Course Prices

Rated as one of the area's top public courses. Make Rockville's RedGate your own club with a 2006 Season Pass:

- Passes now available
- Limited quantity
- Also available are five-day rates and family passes
- 14-day advance tee times available for pass holders and single-day players

Unlimited play 10-month passes (March-December) Rockville residents: \$1,430 Non-residents: \$1,900

Unlimited play 6-month passes (April 1-Sept. 30) Rockville residents: \$1,145 Non-residents: \$1,520



Rockville, Maryland 20853 240-314-8730, Ext. 7 www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate

Rockville Neighborhood Grant Applications Due March 15

The City of Rockville is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Matching Grants Program.

City-recognized neighborhood associations and other multi-issue, neighborhood-based groups are eligible for \$1,000 in matching grant funds to assist in the implementation of community projects or initiatives.

Projects are selected by City Neighborhood Resources staff for funding based upon community involvement, potential benefits to the neighborhood and project readiness. Community volunteers must also contribute at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant in volunteers hours.

Applications are due by March 15. Grants will be awarded by April 3. Neighborhood Matching Grant Applications are available at www. rockville md.gov/government/ citymanager/matching-grantapp.pdf or call 240-314-8340. RR

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CITY SERVICE

A License to Rent

6The rental license

not only ensures the

health and safety of

tenants, but also helps

protect landlords...

— Sergio Hurtado,

City Housing Codes Inspector

With the rise in real estate prices in the City, so has come a rise in the number of investment rental properties. But new landlords and tenants may forget important steps as they delve into investment real estate: City of Rockville inspections and licenses.

Anyone who rents or leases a residential property

in Rockville is required to obtain a license. Once an investor purchases the property, but before a tenant moves in, is the ideal time to apply for a license. Since inspections are

typically scheduled within six weeks after the application has been submitted, the owner may rent the dwelling prior to the license inspection if the property has no life safety hazards or otherwise is in excellent condition.

Once the online form is completed and submitted, a City inspector will contact the landlord to arrange for an inspection of the property. The inspection ensures the home meets City property maintenance, health and safety standards that are outlined in the City code. The license application and an easy to use guide to the City of Rockville code can be accessed online at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/codeenforce.htm

Some of the issues inspectors check for include: That every foundation, wall, ceiling, roof, window, floor and exterior door is reasonably weather-tight; that the premises are rodent-proof; and that the property overall is kept in good repair.

Every inside and outside stairway and porch should be

in sound condition, with a secure handrail for three steps or more. Working smoke detectors should also be located in each sleeping area, basement and on each story.

"The license is important because it ensures that property owners are adhering to the landlord/tenant ordinance of the City," said Sergio Hurtado, a Rockville housing codes inspector. "This not only ensures the health and safety of tenants, but also helps protect landlords in case a problem arises in the future."

Rental units that are singlefamily dwellings such as detached houses, townhouses and condominiums must pass the required inspection every two years prior to the issuance of a rental license. The license costs \$150.

Multi-family dwellings or apartment buildings are inspected and licensed annually. This license costs \$50 per unit.

For more information, call 240-314-8330. RR

Inspecciones y autorizaciones de alquiler

En la Ciudad de Rockville, todas las propiedades en alquiler deben estar autorizadas antes de arrendarse o alquilarse. La autorización de alquiler de las unidades se otorga cada dos años cuando se hayan verificado el mantenimiento de la propiedad, la salubridad y las deficiencias de seguridad. Las viviendas unifamiliares

casas con paredes comunes y departamentos en propiedad horizontal. Las viviendas multifamiliares (departamentos) se inspeccionan y autorizan anualmente.

Para Información, llamar al

Victoria Imas-Duchovny

incluyen casas separadas,

— Translated by

Cable Board Rep Needed

Rockville residents who would like to be considered for a two-year appointment as the City's representative on the Board of Directors of **Montgomery Community** Television (MCT) can now submit an application.

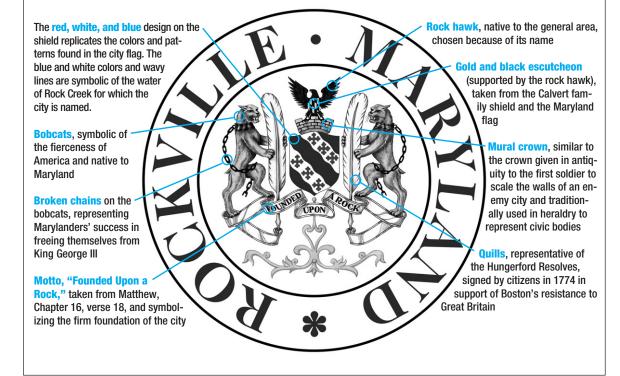
Candidates should be cable television subscribers.

Completed expression of interest forms must be returned to the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m., Monday, March 20. Visit www.rockville md.gov/government/commissions/mctboard.htm or call 240-314-8380 to obtain a copy of the form. RR

Behind the City Seal

The coat of arms is the official seal of the City of Rockville. It is used on all proclamations, official City documents, publications and correspondence. But many people may not know the meaning of items that comprise the design.

The coat of arms includes the following elements:



You've Got Rockville E-Mail

Now people can get Rockville news and learn what is coming up on the Mayor and Council and major Boards and Commissions meeting agendas even before Rockville Reports hits their mailbox each month.

The City in conjunction with RockNet, a volunteer group of citizens interested in technology, operates e-mail news services that can deliver Rockville news releases and major City meeting agendas right to e-mail boxes as soon as they are released to the public.

"It is another way people can be kept informed of what is happening in Rockville," said Betsy Robbins, Rockville's Web administrator. "These email services have been available for several years. But now people can more easily subscribe and make changes to their e-mail address thanks to new technology we launched in December."

To subscribe to Rockville News, send an e-mail to joinrockvillenews@rocknet01. rocknet.org. For Mayor and Council and Boards and Commissions meeting agendas, email join-agenda@rocknet01. rocknet.org. The body and subject of the e-mails should

be blank. After sending the first subscription e-mail, simply reply to the response email to confirm participation.

The City's Division of Public Information distributes between 10-20 news releases each month to the Rockville News list. The City Clerk's office generally distributes weekly meeting agendas. Users can unsubscribe from any list at anytime by following instructions at the bottom of each email.

All news releases and agendas also can be found on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov. RR



GOOD SPORTS... Luci Ann Tafuri (right), who has coached various sports in City of Rockville youth programs over the past seven years, and Julius West Middle School student Adrienne Crutchfield (left) were among those honored for their sportsmanship on Jan. 30 at the second annual Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance Sportsmanship Awards before the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

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INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL A Glimpse into the City Government at Work On the Council Cou



Montgomery County Councilmember Marilyn Praisner (center), representing the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council Local Government Advisory Committee, presented Rockville with the Chesapeake Bay Partner Community Award. Rockville earned gold level of the award, the highest level of recognition. The City's initiatives in water quality protection, sound land use planning, habitat protection and community engagement. Accepting the award, from left, are Councilmembers Phyllis Marcuccio, Bob Dorsey, Anne Robbins and Mayor Larry Giammo.

Mayor and Council Approve Chestnut Lodge

The City of Rockville Mayor and Council on Feb. 6 voted to approve the first step in a redevelopment plan for Chestnut Lodge, which is a 20.4-acre site along West Montgomery Avenue that was once home to one of the nation's foremost psychiatric hospitals.

The proposed development would include 36 new singlefamily homes with detached garages, as well as seven condominium units, in the West End neighborhood of the City.

The site is one of the City's few remaining undeveloped properties of significant size. The Mayor and Council have previously worked to preserve several of its significant historic buildings through historic designation and adoption of design guidelines for the property.

Chestnut Lodge Properties has proposed that the main building, which in its past has been a resort hotel and later the administration building of the hospital, be restored and converted into seven condominiums. It also has proposed that the building known as the "Little Lodge" be restored as a

single family residence. According to the plan, the building known as "Frieda's Cottage" would be given to Peerless Rockville, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Rockville's history.

The Mayor and Council included a number of conditions with the approval of the exploratory application. Those included preserving and maintaining the historic front acreage that will be under the private ownership of the Chestnut Lodge Homeowners Association, but will be open to the public for pedestrian access. The development also must provide a series of landscaped buffers and a split-rail fence to be constructed by the developer between neighboring properties. Another condition provides for an emergency access to be constructed as a pedestrian walkway that connects the Rose Hill and Chestnut Lodge communi-

Next, the developer is required to submit a detailed application plan that will be reviewed by the City's Planning Commission. RR

District 17 Town Meeting March 26

Maryland District 17 Senator Jennie Forehand and Delegates Kumar Barve, Michael Gordon and Luiz Simmons are inviting residents to attend a free Town Meeting on Sunday, March 26, from 2-3 p.m. at the

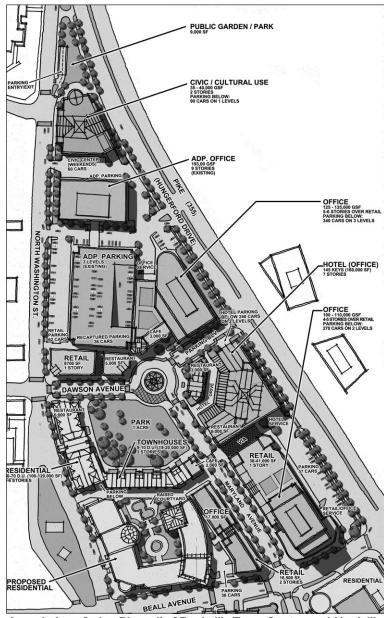
Rockville Senior Center located at 1150 Carnation Road.

Refreshments will be served. Call 301-858-3134 or 1-800-492-7122 x3134 to register or for more informa-

Second Step: Town Center Phase II

Rockville Town Center Phase I, which is now under construction and eventually will encompass 15 acres, is a mix of retail, restaurant, residential, cultural and office uses. It will include the new Rockville Revariety of possibilities for the site. Those possibilities include a oneacre green park, and a mix of office, residential, retail and restaurant

The citizen advisory group's



A rendering of what Phase II of Rockville Town Center could look like.

gional Library, a town plaza and three public parking garages.

From this nucleus, most of which is part of the Rockville Town Square development scheduled for a May 2007 grand opening, it is expected that Town Center redevelopment will expand to more than 60 acres.

A citizen advisory group appointed by the Mayor and Council worked with an urban design consultant on a concept for Phase II—the area extending north from Beall Avenue (adjacent to Town Square) to the intersection of North Washington Street and Route 355.

The citizen advisory group's plan, which was the subject of discussion at a recent joint meeting of the Mayor and Council and the City's Planning Commission, envisions a

plan contains public property and future rights-of-way that would have to be acquired by the City. The Mayor and Council previously said they envisioned Phase II being developed through market forces and preferred not to use eminent domain for redevelopment purposes, which was used to acquire some land for the public improvements in

"We now have something here that people can at least react to," said Mayor Larry Giammo. "I don't think any of us are ready to commit to purchasing right-of-ways until we hear what people think."

Public hearings will be established on the Phase II plan over the next two to four months to solicit opinions on the proposal. RR

FY'07 Mayor and Council Budget Dates

Feb. 21: Budget Worksession April 3: Proposed budget presented to Mayor and Council April 24: Budget Public Hearing May 1: Budget Public Hearing

May 15: Budget Worksession May 22: Budget Worksession May 30: Budget Workesssion (if needed)

June 5: Budget Adoption















Mayor & Council **Drop In**

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for March is:

Monday, March 20: Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" porition at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- March 6 (Mon.) Citizens' Forum. Zoning Ordinance (Environmental Issues), 7 p.m.
- March 13 (Mon.) Stormwater Management Utilities (tentative). Water and Sewer Rate Study (tentative), 7 p.m.
- March 20 (Mon.) Citizens' Forum. Public Hearing on zoning text amendment regarding pipestem lots (tentative), 7 p.m.
- March 27 (Mon.) Science Center Feasibility Study. RedGate **Golf Course Enterprise Fund** (tentative), 7 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- **Environment Commission (one)**
- Rec and Parks Advisory (youth)
- **Rockville Housing Enterprises**
- Senior Citizens Commission (one) **Human Services Advisory Com-**
- mission (one at-large)
- **Human Rights Commission (one)**
- **Montgomery Community Televi**sion (MCT) Board of Directors (City of Rockville rep.)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (two)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (one) Traffic and Transportation (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

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This building at 255 North Washington St. is one example of Rockville's modern architecture that will be discussed at Peerless Rockville's lecture on March 8.

Peerless Delves Into Modern City Architecture March 8

Few people are indifferent to modern architecture. Most either love it or hate it.

On Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Brick Courthouse in Town Center, Peerless Rockville will host "Modernism in Rockville: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," a conversation about buildings that have – for better or worse – shaped the City's architectural character and civic identity since the end of World War II.

The program is the second of a six-part educational series on Rockville's recent past that is produced by Peerless Rockville, co-sponsored by the Rockville Historic District Commission, and funded in part by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

Future discussion topics will include architects of

Rockville's recent past and tours of public architecture and the Twinbrook community.

Modernist designs that initially sparked public debate, such as St. Mary's Church or City Hall, or political controversy including the Judicial Center and Executive Office Building, have since become familiar City icons. The program will look at the important role these buildings have played in Rockville's "recent" historical past.

"This event is intended to spark conversation about Rockville's 20th century architecture," said Teresa B. Lachin, program director for Peerless Rockville. "We also hope it will create public awareness and understanding of Rockville's endangered modernist heritage."

Following an introductory survey of modernist architecture focusing on buildings constructed between 1945 and 2005, attendees are invited to offer their comments, insight and memories of this critical period in local history. Photos, documents, memorabilia, and related materials are welcomed for display and discussions.

For information, call 301-762-0096 or visit www.peerless rockville.org RR

Wines of Northern Europe On Tap For Sister City Corp. Wine Tasting Feb. 24

For the past 14 years, supporters of Rockville's relationship with its Sister City Pinneberg, Germany, have gathered at Glenview Mansion to share camaraderie and excellent food and drink among the backdrop of the mansion's elegant neoclassical decor. That tradition will continue on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. as the Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) hosts its 14th annual Wine Tasting Social with this year's theme of "Northern Europe Wine Journey."

"For the past two years we have focused on wines of Southern Europe," said Norm Hampton, a member of the Rockville Sister City Corporation board of directors "But this year, we are expanding our range to explore the Northern Europe region."

The wine tasting will feature white wines of Germany and other European producers including a selection of Riesling, Mosel, Gewurztraminer and

Silvaner. A variety of foods and cheeses will also be on hand to complement the wine offerings.

It will be the first event for the newly elected board of directors of the organization. On Jan. 19, the RSCC Board of Directors elected David E. L'Heureux as president; Rotraut Bockstahler as vice president; Steve Fisher as treasurer; and Jerol Briggs as secretary.

Admission is \$25 per person for RSCC members and \$30 for non-members. Membership applications can be found on the RSCC Web site at www.rocknet.org/Community/SisterCities under "Join US." RSCC memberships also can be purchased at the wine social.

Mail registration forms and checks made payable to Rockville Sister City Corporation c/o City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850.

For more information about the event, call 240-314-5029. **RR**





SWEET TIMES AT TWINBROOK VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE... More than 200 people gathered at the Twinbrook Recreation Center on Feb. 11 to show their appreciation for each other at the 'Heart to Heart' dance.

ARNA To Host 'Zoning' Conference On Wednesday, March 15

For the first time in 30 years, the City of Rockville is working to write a new zoning ordinance, which not only could affect businesses, but also homeowners looking to make property improvements. The zoning code can affect where fences are placed, how garages are built and what a house's roof looks like.

The Alliance of Rockville Neighborhood Associations (ARNA) is inviting residents to learn more about zoning through its free conference, "Zoning Rockville: The Shape of Things to Come," on Wednesday, March 15, from 7-9 p.m. in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Social Hall.

ARNA will host speakers and interactive sessions to build citizens' awareness about zoning in Rockville, describe the City's goal to revise the zoning ordinance, offer a fresh perspective on the impact of zoning and share information about the history and future of zoning in the City. Although zoning appears complicated and technical, one goal of the conference is to make the topic understandable to everyone. A new zoning ordinance is sched-

uled to be approved by the Mayor and Council in 2007.

ARNA, which was formed three years ago, is the organization whose membership is comprised of the presidents of Rockville's more than 50 civic, neighborhood and homeowner associations. This will be the eighth ARNA neighborhood conference.

For more information about ARNA or the conference, contact Clifford Lanham at 301-294-3076 or e-mail cliffan@aol.com or Linda Ekizian at 301-294-9990 or ekizial@att.net. RR

Sample Rockville's Finest Performing Groups March 5

Take one afternoon, mix together unique vignettes by eight of the City's acclaimed musical and theater groups and get the highly anticipated Seventh Annual Rockville Rockville Arts Sampler.

This year's free performance will be held Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Arts Sampler offers area music, ballet and theater-lovers the opportunity to explore the best of Rockville's entertainment at no cost.

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe, the Rockville Civic Ballet, the Rockville Chorus, the Rockville Concert Band, the Rockville Little Theatre, the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra, the Rockville Musical Theatre and the Victorian Lyric Opera Company will join together to present a variety of vignettes to delight the entire family.

The event also will feature the 2006 Rockville Art Awards presentations. The awards honor a Rockville high school student for achievement in the arts; a volunteer supporter to the arts in Rockville; a corporate/business supporter to the arts in Rockville; and a lifetime



Dick Gilbert is the piano player for the Rockville Chorus.

achievement award for work in the visual, performing or literary arts.

A variety of exhibitions by the Rockville Art League and VisArts also will be on display at the event.

There is no admission fee and no tickets are required. For more information, call Arts Programs Supervisor Betty Wisda at 240-314-8681. RR

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In Brief

Alert Rockville

Rockville residents can be notified instantly of a variety of emergency situations through the new "Alert Rockville" program, which sends emergency alerts as emails that go to computers, as text messages delivered to mobile phones or as messages sent to personal electronic communication devices such as pagers or BlackBerrys. The address to sign up is "https://alert.rockvillemd.gov".

Citizens who sign up for text messages on mobile phones may be charged a message fee by their service, depending upon their service plan.

CALL **240-314-8910** FOR INFO

New Bi-Annual List Of City Events

A free brochure with details on major City events is now available at City facilities and participating area businesses. The City of Rockville's 2006 Biannual Events Calendar features information on the dozens of events offered each month in the City.

To list an event or to receive a free copy, call the City Public Information Office at 240-314-8116 or e-mail jstrohm@rockvillemd.gov.

CALL **240-314-8116** FOR INFO

Tax Assistance Program Available

A free tax preparation program for low-income residents and senior citizens is available to Rockville residents through the Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral Center at 332 West Edmonston Drive in Rockville.

Advance appointments are required to have taxes prepared. For more information on the program or to make an appointment, call 301-279-1035.

CALL **301-279-1035** FOR INFO

'Firebird' Ballet Tickets On Sale March 14

Tickets for the Rockville Civic Ballet's presentation of "Firebird" on Saturday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. will go on sale beginning March 14.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children (12 years and under) and \$8 for senior citizens (60 years and older). Group rates are available.

Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in person, by telephone or by mail order at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office

CALL **240-314-8690** FOR INFO

'Beacon of Safety' Can Light the Way

City Police and volunteer firefighters operate the "Bea-

con of Safety" program that distributes innovative emergency bulbs that can be installed in a regular outdoor socket or in an indoor lamp. When activated, the bulbs will flash continuously making a home stand out. This could save crucial arrival minutes as emergency services personnel search for a home.

CALL **240-314-8910** FOR INFO

Mobile Phone Tower Meetings Set

Representatives of Sprint (APC Realty & Equipment LLC) are tentatively scheduled to appear before the Rockville Planning Commission on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and before the City's Board of Appeals on March 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Rockville City Hall to ask for a special exception to install and operate a mobile telephone tower and accompanying equipment compound near the Twinbrook Mart Shopping Center.

The proposed tower would be approximately 98 feet tall—48 feet taller than the 50-foot height limit for a facility of this type when it is located within 500 feet of a residential zone. It would be located in the rear of the existing U.S. Post Office building located in the shopping center at 2001 Veirs Mill Road.

Call to confirm meeting times.

CALL **240-314-8200** FOR INFO

Donate to Assist With Utility Bills

Increases in utility costs have led to more applications for Rockville's Emergency Assistance Program than ever.

Help a fellow Rockville resident by donating to the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program by filling in the space on your quarterly utility bill or by sending a check to City of Rockville/REAP, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

The contribution will go into the fund that helps City residents who need assistance with housing, utilities or medical bills.

CALL **240-314-8310** FOR INFO

Talk it Out To Work it Out

The Rockville Human Rights Commission sponsors a Community Mediation Program for City residents and persons that have experienced conflict in Rockville.

If you have experienced discrimination in a work or public place, or if you are a neighbor, local organization, landlord, tenant, friend, customer, business owner, HOA, homeowner, employer, or employee that is experiencing a conflict and would like a mutually beneficial resolution to a dispute contact us. The program is free and confidential.

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO



SHOW STOPPING TALENT... The Musical Theater Center's Singular Sensations will present highlights from the show "Spotlight on Broadway 2005" at an opening reception for the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Student Art Show on Sunday, March 5.

"Spotlight on Broadway 2005" features a Broadway revue with classic and current Broadway music. The performance show-cases MTC's talented performing ensembles at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre March 10-17 and 17-19. For more information, call 301-251-5766.

CITY

3,10,17,25 MOBY Medical Clinic 9:30-11:30 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

18 Off-Leash Dog Testing 10 a.m. Swim Center Outdoor Entrance Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

Reels, Jigs and Hornpipes
The Culkin School of Traditional
Irish Dance presents "Reels, Jigs, &
Hornpipes," a celebration of Irish
dance. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald
Theatre. \$20 general admission.
240-314-8690.

National Philharmonic Presents Violin Sonatas Violinist
Claudie Chudacoff and pianist
Kathryn Brake play Ravel's Sonata
for Violin and Piano and
Beethoven's Sonata. 8 p.m. F. Scott
Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690.
Tickets \$25, \$18, \$11. Children 717: FREE

5-28 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery: Rockville Student Art Show. Opening reception, March 5, 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660. FREE

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Musical Theatre Center's Singular Sensations Broadway musical concert celebrates the opening of this month's art exhibition. Performances at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8682. FREE

5 Rockville Arts Sampler
Vignettes of the theatre's resident
companies and presentation of the

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calendar of events

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2006 Rockville Arts Awards. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690. FREE

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Musical Theater Center: "Spotlight on Broadway 2005" A Broadway revue presenting an exciting
mixture of Broadway music showcasing MTC's talented performing
ensembles Singular Sensations and
Upbeat Unlimited. F. Scott
Fitzgerald Theatre. 301-251-5766.
Tickets: \$16.50 adults; \$14.50 stu-

dents and seniors; \$7.50 senior

matinee (March 18 only)

23 Eric Himy's Piano Concert Pianist Eric Himy of the National Philharmonic presents Mozart Sonata No. 13, Liszt Nocturne No. 3 and more. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690. Tickets \$21, \$16, \$11. Children 7-17 FREE

24-25 Home School Talents 2005 Showcase: Backstage Broadway Take a peek backstage to see what goes into a Broadway revue. Share the challenges and mishaps while enjoying some of Broadway's best music. 7 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$8 students and seniors

26 Rockville Concert Band: Children's Concert Rockville's premiere 75-member band performs a free seasonal concert featuring special songs and an introduction to instruments for children. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690. FREE

30 Vocal Arts Society: Evening of Art Song 7:30 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660. FREE.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

Wake Up Groundhog Visit one of the park's groundhog dens to see if they have left any signs that they are awake. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 . \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

8 Wake Up Groundhog 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

31 Stepping Into Spring Create a beautiful floor mat to celebrate spring with your own design using stamps and stencils. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-over. \$12 RES/\$15 NR.

31 Toad Abodes These bumpy creatures are wonderful to attract to a garden. They can eat three times their weight in garden pests each day! Paint a toad abode made by a local artist from stoneware clay to provide a shelter for a toad and learn about the other "ingredients" to create a toad-friendly yard. 2-3:30 p.m. Ages 5-over. \$23 RES/\$28 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

March Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE.

Rise and Shine With A Southern Morning 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$26 MEM/\$30 NM.

7,9,14,16 Digital Photo

Editing 10-12 noon. \$45 MEM/\$50

7,14,21,28 Seniors on the MOVE 10 a.m.-12 noon. A four-part series for drivers 55 and over that includes everything from buckling up grandkids to how prescription medicines affect drivers. This driver safety training is taught by AAA, police officers, Kids In Safety Seats and The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. FREE. Limited space available. To register, call 240-314-8810.

16 Fall Prevention and Balance

21 & 22 Experimental Watercolor 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$27 MEM/ \$30 NM. Register by Mar. 14.

Victorian Rockville 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Register by Mar. 15.

22,29 Right Click/Left Click 1-3 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 NM

28 Spring Car Care 1-3 p.m. \$2 MEM/\$4 NM. Register by Mar. 22.

29 Jefferson Café - Founding Brothers 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Register by Mar. 22.

30 Exploring Yellowstone 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$2 MEM/\$4 NM. Register by Mar. 23.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

4 Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.

8 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

8 Cultural Arts Commission, 7 p.m., Cottage at Civic Center Park

Bike Advisory Commission, 7:15 p.m.

14 Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center

14 Commission on the Environment, 7:30 p.m.

15 Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Park Community Center

15 Sign Review Board, 4 p.m. (held as needed)

16 Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Commission, 10 a.m., Senior Center

Historic District Commission, 7 p.m., Senior Center

21 Rockville Seniors, Inc., 1 p.m., Senior Center

21 Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m., Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

22 Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

22 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

23 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 p.m., Pump House

28 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

31 Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., 95 Monroe St. (301-315-8096)

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Rockville Up Close: Rose Hill Taking Strides With Walk Rockville

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

Residents of Rockville's Rose Hill community are "Stepping Up to Health" through a new City of Rockville community-wide walking program called "Walk Rockville."

Walk Rockville encourages residents to head outside and explore the nearly14 square miles of Rockville by foot. In doing so, citizens will reap the many health benefits of being active.

Robyn Porter, a resident of Rose Hill, is among the first to volunteer to be a neighborhood coordinator for the City's Department of Recreation and Parks' Walk Rockville program. Neighborhood walking coordinators help to coordinate small walking groups according to the schedules of those interested. Each coordinator will help determine a safe one-to-two mile path



Rose Hill residents Robyn Porter, left, and Monique Whittleton, along with Walk Rockville coordinator Krista Collier and Robyn's mom, Kathryn Porter, greet a fellow walker. Robyn's dogs Katie, left, and ZuZu joined the brisk walk in February, as part of the new Walk Rockville group being organized in the neighborhood.

throughout their neighborhood or choose an already established path designated in the Walk Rockville brochure. Coordinators share walking tips, fitness resources, wellness programs and other information with fellow neighbors provided by the City's Walk Rockville representative.

"I'm looking forward to learning about the different areas of Rockville that I otherwise would not see," said Porter. "This is a great opportunity for me to meet new neighbors and get motivated to go out and walk."

A guide with designated walking paths in the City can be found online at www.rockville md.gov/stepup and at facilities throughout the City.

To encourage participation in the new program, the City is offering a complete "Walk Rockville Starter Kit." The kit includes a pedometer, a Step Up to Health t-shirt and water bottle, reusable tote bag, walking tips and log sheets, nutrition and wellness information and maps of designated walking paths. Cost of the kit is \$10.

Kits can be purchased at Rockville City Hall located at 111 Maryland Avenue. The Walk Rockville Starter Kit is also available for purchase at the Rockville Senior Center, Rockville Municipal Swim Center, Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

For more information about Walk Rockville, contact Krista Collier, program coordinator, at 240-314-8632 or at kcollier@rockvillemd.gov. RR

Volunteer Time: Croydon Creek Nature Center

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

Just 10 minutes away from Rockville Town Center, tucked amid 120 acres of beautifully preserved forest, is Rockville's Croydon Creek Nature Center.

Since its opening about four years ago, the nature center has blossomed into a central City resource for understanding and protecting our natural world.

The center's success is due in large part to the volunteers who support its programs and services.

"We're delighted that so many people throughout Rockville come out to support Croydon Creek each week," said Audra Lew, naturalist and volunteer coordinator. "There are many people in the City who care deeply about the environment and would love to help educate others about the importance of our natural resources."

Community members of all ages and abilities not only assist with public programs and special events for more than 10,000 visitors each year, but also help with animal care. A commitment to help out regularly and a love of the "creepy, crawly and slithering" is required for working with the center's inhabitants.

In addition, volunteers can use their identification skills to catalog the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and plants that live around the nature center.

Enthusiastic helpers also can choose to greet visitors to the center at the front desk and assist with office work. Outdoor opportunities are available by helping to ensure the trails are safe and educational.

To volunteer at Croydon Creek, call 240-314-8770. RR



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Rockville Pike's Future: A Tree-Lined Boulevard?

Rockville Pike's current definition is quite clear: The portion of Maryland Route 355 that extends from Montrose Road to Rockville Town Center is one of busiest non-interstate roads in the state—and businesses along the Pike are thriving.

But what will the Pike and its adjacent properties look like in 20 years? Will it still be a major roadway? Or could it be transformed to a tree-lined boulevard with auxiliary lanes to help encourage people to do

what is almost unthinkable now—easily walk from one side of the Pike to the other?

The Mayor and Council had asked for a review and update of the Rockville Pike Corridor Neighborhood Plan that was adopted in 1989. The Rockville Pike Plan includes a Twinbrook Metro Performance District, which outlines how redevelopment should occur in this area. A major question is how will the Pike of the future be influenced by the impending development around the Twinbrook

Metro Station.

Jim Wasilak, Rockville's chief of planning, told the Mayor and Council that the future Twinbrook Metro area should be unique.

"We do not want it to be another Town Center or another Grosvenor," said Wasilak. "We want it to have its own identity."

At a recent worksession, the Mayor and Council saw a presentation from Streetworks, an architectural and urban design consultant. Streetworks presented a concept of how Rockville Pike could take on a new personality as a boulevard that not only includes retail businesses and restaurants, but also has residences built above many of those retail

In coming months, the design guidelines will be refined based upon the direction of the Mayor and Council and the City's Planning Commission. Those two bodies will hold a joint session this spring to review a revised draft of the plan. RR

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